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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please add the following new claims:**

10. (New) An automotive alternator comprising:
- a case;
- a rotor mounted for rotation in said case; and
- a stator fixed to said case, said stator including a stator core surrounding a rotational axis of said rotor, said stator including a base portion and a plurality of tooth portions extending from said base portion toward said rotational axis;